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Amendments to the Claims:

Kindly delete Claims 10 and 18-23, without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the

application:

**Listing of Claims:** 

Please amend the claims as shown and add new Claims 24-29.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a honeycomb sandwich composite panel by

a resin transfer molding process consisting of:

stacking a thermosetting sealing material on at least one side of a honeycomb

core, said thermosetting sealing material having an adhesive property and being a consisting of

resin film including and glass microspheres;

stacking a dry fabric on said thermosetting sealing material;

hardening said sealing material by heating said sealing material and said dry fabric

up to the curing temperature of said sealing material at a rate of 1°C per minute or less and

maintaining this temperature for a specified curing time period of said sealing material;

impregnating said dry fabric with a thermosetting resin while varying the

temperature of said sealing material and said dry fabric to a resin impregnating temperature and

maintaining this temperature for a specified period of time; and

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hardening the resin impregnated into said dry fabric by heating said sealing material and said dry fabric to the curing temperature of said thermosetting resin and hotpressing them for a specified period of time.

## 3-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The method of forming a honeycomb sandwich composite panel according to Claim 2, wherein:

said curing temperature of said sealing material is about  $1205^{\circ}\text{C}$   $120 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and said specified curing time period is about  $13010 \text{ } 130 \pm 10$  minutes.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of forming a honeycomb sandwich composite panel according to Claim 2, wherein:

said sealing material is [[a]] laminated-film formed by laminating a plurality of said thermosetting resin films including said glass microspheres.

## 18.-23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) A method of forming a honeycomb sandwich composite panel by a resin transfer molding process comprising:

stacking a thermosetting sealing material having an adhesive property on at least one side of a honeycomb core, said thermosetting sealing material consisting of a plurality of epoxy resin adhesive films and a carrier material used as an adhesive film placed between said epoxy resin films;

stacking a dry fabric on said thermosetting sealing material;

hardening said sealing material by heating said sealing material and said dry fabric to the curing temperature of said sealing material at a rate of 1°C per minute or less and maintaining this temperature for a specified curing time period of said sealing material;

impregnating said dry fabric with a thermosetting resin while varying the temperature of said sealing material and said dry fabric to a resin impregnating temperature and maintaining this temperature for a specified period of time; and

hardening the resin impregnated into said dry fabric by heating said sealing material and said dry fabric to the curing temperature of said thermosetting resin and hotpressing them for a specified period of time.

25. (New) The method of forming a honeycomb sandwich composite panel according to claim 24, wherein:

said curing temperature of said sealing material is about  $120 \pm 5$ °C and said specified curing time period is about  $130 \pm 10$  minutes.

26. (New) A method of forming a honeycomb sandwich comosite panel by a resin transfer molding process comprising:

stacking a thermosetting sealing material having an adhesive property on at least one side of a honeycomb core, said thermosetting sealing material consisting of epoxy resin adhesive films and an epoxy resin film placed between said epoxy resin films;

stacking a dry fabric on said thermosetting sealing material;

hardening said sealing material by heating said sealing material and said dry fabric up to the curing temperature of said sealing material at a rate of 1°C per minute or less and maintaining this temperature for a specified curing time eriod of said sealing material;

impregnating said dry fabric with a thermosetting resin while varying the temperature of said sealing material and said dry fabric to a resin impregnating temperature and maintaining this temperature for a specified period of time; and

hardening the resin impregnated into said dry fabric by heating said sealing material and said dry fabric to the curing temperature of said thermosetting resin and hot-pressing them for a specified period of time.

27. (New) The method of forming a honeycomb sandwich composite panel according to claim 26, wherein:

said curing temperature of said sealing material is about  $120 \pm 5^{\circ}$ C and said specified curing time period is about  $130 \pm 10$  minutes.

28. (New) A method of forming a honeycomb sandwich composite panel by a resin transfer molding process comprising:

stacking a thermosetting sealing material having an adhesive property on at least one side of a honeycomb core, said thermosetting sealing material consisting of three epoxy resin adhesive films;

stacking a dry fabric on said thermosetting sealing material;

hardening said sealing material by heating said sealing material and said dry fabric up to the curing temperature of said sealing material at a rate of 1°C per minute or less and maintaining this temperature for a specified curing time period of said sealing material;

impregnating said dry fabric with a thermosetting resin while varying the temperature of said sealing material and said dry fabric to a resin impregnating temperature and maintaining this temperature for a specified period of time; and

hardening the resin impregnated into said dry fabric by heating said sealing material and said dry fabric to the curing temperature of said thermosetting resin and hot-pressing them for a specified period of time.

29. (New) The method of forming a honeycomb sandwich composite panel according to claim 28, wherein:

said curing temperature of said sealing material is about  $120 \pm 5^{\circ}$ C and said specified curing time period is about  $130 \pm 10$  minutes.